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STATE OF DELAWARE BOARD OF CHARITABLE GAMING

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MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF CHARITABLE GAMING

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: January 25, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Janet Williams-Coger, Non-Profit Member, Chair James Ascione, Public Member Francis Gant, Delaware Firefighters Association Member Richard MacDonald, State Lottery Office Member Jay Mervine, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jean Betley, License Investigator III Meredith Hurley, Administrative Specialist II Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General Eric Rauch, Gaming Inspector Shauna Slaughter, Deputy Director

PUBLIC PRESENT

Bill Holena, Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder Tom Jones, AmVets Post 2 Dave Heffline, AmVets Post 2 Tom Phillips, AmVets Post 2 Carla Jarosz, DOJ

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Williams-Coger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. Gant moved, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the November 16, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Bingo Regulation Changes

Mr. MacDonald moved, seconded by Mr. Gant, to accept the proposed bingo regulation changes and to have Mr. Maloney forward them to the Register of Regulations. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Bingo Event Permits Issued

Mr. MacDonald moved, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to ratify the following bingo permit events listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

Seaford Elks Lodge #2458

Walter L. Fox American Legion Post No. 2

Dover Elks Lodge #1903

Edgemoor Community Center

Pot Nets Homeowners Association

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Indian River High School Band Boosters Association

Indian River Senior Center

Cape Henlopen Senior Center

Newark Elks Lodge #2281

Mamie A. Warren Senior Center, Inc.

Harrington Fire Company, Inc.

Bowers Fire Company

Camden Wyoming Moose Lodge 203

Mill Creek Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

St. Helena R.C. Church

Sgt. William Lloyd Nelson VFW Post 3792

Ratification of Charitable Gaming Event Permits Issued

Mr. Gant moved, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the charitable gaming permit events listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

American Legion #17

AmVets Post 2

Delaware Technical and Community College Educational Foundation

Knights of Columbus – Seton Council 7990

Ladies of the Elks Dover Lodge #1903

Lewes-Rehoboth Moose Lodge #646

Longneck AmVets Post 22

Mason Dixon Post #7234

Newark Elks Lodge #2281

Oak Orchard Riverdale American Legion Post 28

Sons of AmVets Post 2

Sussex County Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary #4528

Cape Henlopen Elks Lodge #2540

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American Legion Post #24 Laurel American Legion Post 19

Review of Applications for Raffle

Mr. Gant moved, seconded by Mr. Ascione, to approve the raffle events listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

United Cerebral Palsy of Delaware, Inc. Lewes Public Library, Inc. Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge #4528

Review of Application for Charitable Gaming Events

Mr. Gant moved, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to table the charitable gaming application from VFW Post #7447 Rehoboth Beach until the Board receives more clarification on the game rules of their "Got It!" game. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Application for Instant Bingo

Mr. Gant moved, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the instant bingo application for Loyal Order of Moose Harrington Lodge 534. The motion carried unanimously.

Inspection Reports

Mr. MacDonald moved, seconded by Mr. Gant, to approve the inspection report for Middletown High School Band Boosters. The motion carried unanimously. The inspection letter was signed by Ms. Williams-Coger.

Review and Consider Hearing Officer Recommendations

Ms. Williams-Coger yielded the floor to Deputy Attorney General Carla Jarosz to respond to the exceptions that were provided by the attorney representing AmVets and to urge the Board to adopt the Hearing Officer Recommendations in full.

The floor was then yielded to Mr. Jones from AmVets for his response to Ms. Jarosz. The attorney for AmVets was not present.

Mr. MacDonald moved, seconded by Mr. Gant, to accept the Hearing Officer Recommendations as drafted with the exception that no future permits can be issued until there is a plan in place as to the disbursement of the funds that were seized by the DGE. The motion carried with Mr. Mervine recusing.

Review of Consent Agreement

Mr. Gant moved, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to accept the consent agreement for Walter L. Fox American Legion Post 2. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Maloney presented the consent agreement for Board member signatures.

Complaint Updates

Complaint #22-01-16 was dismissed due to insufficient evidence.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Ladies Auxiliary of the Mill Creek Fire Company

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Mill Creek Fire Company sent a letter to the Board expressing their concerns with a possible change to the AOR reporting involving pull tabs and the maximum amount allowed on the addendum for bingo events. The prize limit is a legislative change and their concern may have been from old proposed regulation change that is no longer being considered at this point in time. Ms. Hurley will respond to Ms. Tull, the author of the letter.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Ms. Betley brought up HB 254 and the "members only" games. She stated that some organizations are using this law to justify not needing a permit to play and that is not the case.

Mr. Maloney agreed that the bill does not suggest permits are not required for those organizations.

Mr. MacDonald stated that it is just members of the organization allowed to play according to the bill, but some clubs may allow anyone on the premises to play.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jones from AmVets made a clarification as to the exceptions that were submitted regarding copies of the transcripts not being complete. Mr. Maloney advised that it is typical to just have one page from a transcript submitted for evidence.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting is Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room A, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Gant moved, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Meredith Hurley Administrative Specialist II